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MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE ARE AMONG THE MANY AREAS IN WHICH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DOES NOT LEGISLATE; THEREFORE THE "MARITAL CODE IN THE UNITED STATES" VARIES FROM STATE TO STATE. BECAUSE OF THE PRINCIPLE OF SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE, THE CIVIL REQUIREMENTS OF A GIVEN STATE WOULD HAVE TO BE MET. OBSERVANCE OF AN ECCLESIASTICAL CODE WOULD BE A PRIVATE MATTER LEFT TO THE CHOICE OF INDIVIDUALS ENTERING INTO MARRIAGE AND WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE CIVIL LAW ON THIS SUBJECT. KISSINGER

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